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1. IN ABSENCE OF SYG LUNS, AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE MET WITH ACTING SYG PANSA ON JANUARY 28 TO DISCUSS TOPICS FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS. AMBASSADOR DREW FULLY UPON REFTELS, ELICITING A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM PANSA, WHO PROMISED TO CONVEY US VIEWS TO SYG.

2. PANSA AGREED WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT THE NAC MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS ON CSCE IN APRIL WOULD PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE BASIS FOR MINISTERIAL REVIEW OF THIS TOPIC IN MAY. HE AGREED, AS WELL, THAT A DISCUSSION OF LAW OF THE SEA WOULD BE USEFUL, FOLLOWING A MEETING OF LOS EXPERTS IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 11.

3. WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENTS IN EASTERN EURYPE, PANSA SAID HE PLANNED TO URGE LUNS TO SCHEDULE AN EARLY DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC, BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT UNREST.

4. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED WITH PANSA'S SUGGESTION THAT, CONFIDENTIAL

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AT THE NEXT PERMREP LUNCH, LUNS PROPOSE THESE THREE TOPICS FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS, BUT THAT LUNS NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSE AT THE SAME TIME THE MODALITIES FOR THE CONSULTATIONS, APART FROM SUGGESTING THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS RECEIVE EARLY ATTENTION. IN A SUBSEQUENT, SEPARATE DISCUSSION, LUNS WOULD THEN RAISE THE ISSUE OF ARRANGEMENTS. AS PANSA SAW IT, THERE WOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT LOS MATTERS WOULD REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS AND THUS HE DID NOT EXPECT FRENCH OPPOSITION TO THAT PROSPECT. IN CONNECTION WITH

CSCE, HE ALSO BELIEVED THE LEVEL OF DETAIL WOULD REQUIRE PARTICIPATION FROM CAPITALS. PANSA THOUGHT THAT DISCUSSIONS IN NATO ON EAST EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE ENHANCED IF THEY INVOLVED OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS, BUT HE HAD NO INDICATION THAT FRENCH PERMREP TINE WAS THINKING IN THESE TERMS WHEN HE MADE HIS PROPOSAL (USNATO 447; STATE 19359). HOWEVER, THIS COULD BE CLARIFIED, HE SAID, IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH.

5. PURSUANT TO STATE 14812, WE PLAN TO DISCUSS PRIVATELY WITH UK, FRG AND OTHER INTERESTED ALLIED DELEGATIONS THEIR VIEWS ON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSALS MADE BY LUNS AND TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PINNING DOWN MODALITIES. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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